

N.C. 12 Update 9/16/2011

While N.C. 12 south of Nags Head remains closed due to damage caused by Hurricane Irene last month, NCDOT continues to make progress fixing the breaches and areas of over wash in order to improve and reopen the highway.

At the Rodanthe breach area, crews continue to stockpile sand for dune reconstruction and fill sandbags. A total of 2,250 dump truck loads of sand have been hauled in so far to fill the areas of roadway that were damaged.

At the temporary bridge location on Pea Island, crews continued to drive piles at the north. Crews also continued to preassemble and sort temporary bridge components. The framework was put into place for the footings at the locations where the pilings were driven Wednesday. Crews moved equipment and materials, including three loads of sheet piles, from the north end of the breach to the south end to begin pile driving. If the weather permits, crews will begin installing temporary supports tonight.

Temporary Bridge Facts:

- Piling: 29 piles driven out of 82 total piles.
- Sheet Piling Bulkhead: 374 linear feet out of 1,096 total linear feet.
- Concrete Footings: 2 footings poured out of 12 total footings.

NCDOT estimates that the roadway could be fully reopened sometime in early October depending on weather conditions between now and then.

[Watch the video](#) to see how NCDOT's Photogrammetry Unit is helping with the Hurricane Irene recovery efforts.